How exciting! Another week of great attendance… Last week our weekly attendance percentage was 93%. It is great to see that everyone is making a huge effort to come to school every day.

Congratulations to all students who swam at our District Swimming Carnival last Friday. You all did extremely well and should be proud of your efforts. 23 students have made it to the Regional Swimming Carnival on Friday 6th March in Dubbo.

Thank you to all parents who assisted at the carnival. Without your help the day would not have been so successful.

Congratulations to all students who received their Student Representative Council and Library Monitor badges this morning at our special assembly. I’m sure you will all be fantastic leaders and role models for our school.

This weekend is our Term 1 Mid-Term Break (Friday 27th February & Monday 2nd March).

PSSA Boys Cricket in Cobar – Wednesday 4th March.

Regional Swimming Carnival – Friday 6th March, in Dubbo.

Performance - Jumping Jack Flash - 3rd March.

Performance - Banjo Patterson - 16th March.

Miss Milgate

Congratulations to those students who were selected to represent our school at the District Swimming Carnival last Friday. They all swam really fast and should be very proud of their efforts. Some of these swimmers will now represent our District at the Western Regional Swimming Carnival in Dubbo on Friday 6th March. Notes and further information will be sent out soon.

Please remember that we have a ‘No Hat No Play’ policy at school for the playground. All students require a hat to be worn while playing and if they don’t we have designated areas for these students to sit during play times.
Welcome to week 5! A huge congratulations to our class for winning the attendance award last week! This week we will continue learning new sounds and tricky words. We are trying very hard in class and really enjoy working independently through learning centres. In Maths we will be working on adding and subtracting numbers. This Thursday is Infants Assembly so please feel free to come along. Literacy and Numeracy homework is given out every Monday. Please return completed homework by Friday. Have a great week and a safe Mid-Term break.

Can you believe it’s Mid-Term break this week already? So we only come to school Monday till Thursday. On Thursday we have our first Infants Assembly of the year, so if you have some free time please come along. This week in Maths we are looking at adding and subtracting. In Literacy Kindergarten are focusing on the sounds c, k and e. Have a nice week!

Welcome to Week 5! 1B Literacy has been doing some fantastic paragraph writing about their families and will continue this week. 1B Numeracy are focusing on multiplication and time this week. 1B Home class have started their Drama unit of work and we already have some fabulous actors and actresses in the class! Don’t forget to please send in a paint shirt for your child. Have a wonderful and safe Mid-Term break.

Welcome to Week 5 everyone! This week in Literacy, we are focusing on writing compound sentences and using full stops and capital letters correctly. In Science we are continuing to watch our herbs grow as we water them each day. Please remember to bring a paint shirt to school so that we can keep our school clothes clean during Art. Have a fantastic Mid-Term break.

This is the first week of Infants Assembly. Infants assembly is on Thursday from 2.15 until 3.00. This week 1T are performing and we would love you to come along and support us. Stage One are having a competition for the best attendance class. Well done to 1M who won the award last week.

Congratulations to our KH SRC Representatives for 2015 Cash Cunich and Mahkita Kelly. Last week we learnt our Primary and Secondary colours in art. This week we are learning about caring for pets and the needs animals have to stay alive. It is essential to come to school every day and most importantly on time. Lots of valuable learning time is missed when you are late or away. Have a fabulous, safe and happy Mid-Term Break! 😊

This Wednesday Bourke Public School is conducting Clean Up Australia Day. This year celebrates the 25th Anniversary of the annual event. From 9:00-9:20 students will be provided with gloves and garbage bags and allocated a specific area of the school grounds to clean up.

I would like to thank the Bourke Shire Council and Community Health for their support and donation of gloves and garbage bags. Have a great Mid-Term break everyone!

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### Primary News

**Miss Hudson & Miss Bartley**
Welcome to week 5!!! Congratulations to Aleshy Thompson and Dakota Lovett who are 2N’s School Representative Council members. We have started our science unit called ‘Smooth Moves’. We watched some really cool videos on how marbles and dominoes can be moved using force. This week we will explore different ways to move cans using force.

Have a fantastic week.

**Mrs Douglas**
Week 5 already! 2D is looking at Cooperating Communities in HSIE and has named our table groups after different community workers such as Teachers, Doctors, Vets and Plumbers.

This week in the Science unit Smooth Moves, 2D will be exploring and predicting what happens to similar cans with different sized pushes and pulls. Well done to all those students with 100% attendance – keep it up!

Have a great week...

**Miss Buckley**
Wow, week 5 already. Last week 2B were lucky enough to meet the new students in the Early Years Transition Centre and hang out with them for an afternoon. We can’t wait to do lots more with the EYTC students. A huge congratulations goes to Hunter Flick and Maddison Willoughby who are 2B’s SRC representatives. We know you’ll both do a great job!

Stage 2 AP – Miss Bartley
Well done to everyone who participated in the Carnival last Friday, it was great to see so many primary students attending and enjoying the day.

Don’t forget Mid-Term break happens this week and everyone needs to return back to school on Tuesday 3rd March.

#### PBL - WEEK 4

**Respectful - Hall**

**Miss Dorrington**
This week, we will be exploring the properties of both 3D and 2D shapes. Students will practice sketching these shapes. In English we have begun reading the Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe. We will also discuss the era the novel was set in and the many changes people experienced at that time.

Stage 3 AP – Miss Dorrington
We had some fantastic results at the swimming carnival last week. Stage 3 are settling into their new classes well and we are looking forward to a great term. There are many exciting lessons planned especially in Creative Arts and HSIE. Remember that this weekend is our Term 1 Mid-Term break.

**Mr Porter**
What a fantastic week in the 3P classroom. We are starting to produce some fantastic work in our Literacy, Numeracy and home classes. We are looking forward to sharing this in the coming weeks. Tuesday afternoon we will be having our first lesson in the new computer lab. We will also be preparing for our assembly item in week 6. Have a great week.

P&C News:
The first P&C Meeting will be Wednesday 25th February at 6pm at Bourke Public school in the meeting room. Parents/carers, Community members or Grandparents are welcome to attend and be part of our great committee. Bring along your ideas and suggestions for fundraising.

**Home Readers Program 2015**
Home readers will go out this week, remember they can be books that your child reads at home or the books the school supplies. Please bring them back every Friday to receive a different book. Students can receive awards as they read more and more books, these will be presented at assembly, so start reading!!

**Bourke Public School’s Motto for 2015**

**Relationships**
Miss Bradley

As Miss Bradley and Monique are away this week the EYTC students are lucky enough to be taught by Mr Dewberry this week! They are looking at The Very Hungry Caterpillar and have the opportunity to participate in lots of different activities – making play dough caterpillars, painting their own very hungry caterpillars with water paint just to name a few!

Mrs Roe & Mrs Gaukroger

With the Home Reading program starting this week we have provided some tips that will assist you when listening to your child read. The Pause, Prompt, Praise brochure attached is filled with ways that you can support your child while they are reading at home, to complement what they are being taught at school.

Ms Topalov

Wow! Week 5 already! This week we will be studying Patterns and Algebra during our Maths class. During Art we will be looking at traditional and theatrical masks, considering how exaggeration and distortion of facial features creates expression that has meaning for an audience. We will also be making some digital portraits and using photo enhancing software.

Miss Nixon

Welcome to 5! We are already halfway through Term 1! Last week the MC focused on improving their reading skills, numeral recognition and made a vase in art. This week we will be developing our writing skills, examining data and learning about graphs. The infants will have their first assembly for the year this week on Thursday afternoon. All parents and caregivers are welcome to attend. Have a great week and Mid-Term break!

In science we are learning about living things. In Art we made a collage of living things.

District Swimming Carnival Champions

**Jnr Boy** – Champion – Hunter Flick  
Runner up – Jack Reid  
**Jnr Girl** – Champion – Grace Milgate  
Runner up – Emma Simmons  
**11Yr Boy** – Champion – Bradley Parnaby  
Runner up – Kieren Boney (Bre)  
**11Yr Girls** – Champion – Claire Hand  
Runner up – Myah-Rose Edwards-Driscoll  
**Snr Boy** – Champion - Koby Knight  
Runner up - Jordan Kane  
**Snr Girl** – Champion - Tara Brookman  
Runner up – Kyah Sullivan-Knight